

NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA www.safersantarosa.org

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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NEEDS. REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. -- Mother Teresa

Welcome our newest member - Boys & Girls Club - Milton Unit

REQUESTS

I need your RSVPs for the Annual meeting! The meeting will be held April 24th at 1130am (lunch provided) at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze. 50 already signed up!

If you have a door prize to offer, let me know! Ballots for board elections going out next week.

Need someone to take pictures at the Annual meeting.

There will be door prizes.

Less speakers than last year, more collaboration.

RSVP now!

DENTAL SUPPLIES

Ferris Hill Baptist Church is collecting hygiene items to assist in resourcing the Dental Bus that will be in Milton in mid-May. Please drop off any of the following items no later than May 13th, Monday-Friday, 9am-noon:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Mouthwash, Bar Soap, Wash Cloth, Gallon Size Baggies (all full size items – not travel).

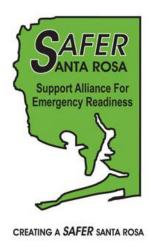
For more information please contact 623-3500 or office@ferrishill.org

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

PREPAREDNESS EXPO IS COMING SOON!

Don't forget to save the date for the May 19th Preparedness Expo being held at the Gulf Breeze auditorium in the community Center. It starts at 10 and ends at 2. You should be able to pick up lots of good information about being prepared for what could be a bad season for storms and illnesses. Be sure to stop by and visit our vendors who have ways of protecting you, your family and your home. This is the only preparedness expo in the Western Panhandle dedicated to all hazards.







2012 Preparedness EXPO

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness (SAFER) has scheduled the third annual Preparedness Expo for **May 19, 2012** at the Gulf Breeze Community Center Auditorium. The purpose of the Expo is to offer attendees critical information in order to ensure their homes and businesses are protected against disaster. This Expo will run from 10a.m. – 2p.m. Our sponsors, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Hometown Contractors would like to invite you to participate.

We would like to invite members of the public to attend. We should have a great line of vendors and other activities for you. Watch for more information on the scheduling of these classes, or regularly visit www.safersantarosa.org for updates. You may also visit us on facebook.

We would also like you to consider ways in which your company can be a part of and benefit from this important community event. In addition to participating as an exhibitor, we also have many sponsorship opportunities, which include booth space, and more exposure in the community. Let us know if you would like more information about Expo Sponsorship or if you have any Expo questions by contacting Brenda at brsvpsantarosa@mchsi.com or 983-5220.

SAFER is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose core purpose is to engage our community in disaster preparedness, response and recovery and was established to engage all sectors of the community to ensure scarce resources are utilized effectively, efficiently and with minimum duplication. Our hope is that you can support this effort by attending this EXPO.

In service to our community,

SAFER Board

2012 SPRING CAREER FAIR ON APRIL 6TH

WORKFORCE ESCAROSA AND PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE PARTNER TO HOST SPRING CAREER FAIR ON APRIL 6

Community providers, Workforce Escarosa and Pensacola State College, are partnering once again to host a Spring Career Fair on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. inside the Pensacola State College (PSC) Lou Ross Gymnasium on the (PSC) Pensacola Campus. This no-cost event is open the public, and will offer job seekers an opportunity to meet with over 40 area employers who are actively looking for talented individuals to fill their current openings. Attendees should come dressed for success and bring copies of their resume.

Employers with current openings representing healthcare, communications, retail, education, hospitality, correctional, accounting, electrical, aerospace, governmental, technical, manufacturing and administrative positions will be present.

In effort to prepare area job seekers for the upcoming event, Workforce Escarosa will host a no-cost Career Fair Readiness Workshop on Tuesday, April 3, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Workforce Escarosa Pensacola One-Stop Center located at 3670 North L Street in Pensacola. This two-hour workshop will educate attendees on tactics designed to enhance their ability to showcase themselves during a career fair or recruiting event.

For more information on the upcoming 2012 Spring Career Fair, or to view a complete list of attending employers, visit www.workforceescarosa.com.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Santa Rosa County will soon be offering a Boys & Girls Club located at the East Milton Youth Association gymnasium. The club will provide daily after school and summer enrichment programs for the youth of this community in Grades K - 5. Through these programs, the Boys and Girls Club inspires and enables our youth to reach their full potential to Be Great.

As Boys and Girls Club staff and the local board of directors prepares to open the doors, they are asking the community and area businesses for support through volunteering your time, donating items from our wish list, or making a financial contribution to a program or an event.

For more information about these programs or to find out how you can get involved, please contact Ronna Treuer at 218-368-8809 or email at rtreuer@bgcec.com

Below is a list of items needed for day to day activities, programs, and office supplies. These items are listed in no particular order:

Arts & Crafts Supplies, Educational Board Games, New Computers, Children Movies (G/PG), Legos, Markers/Crayons, Activity/Coloring Books, X-Box 360 Kinect Value Bundle, 96" Large TV, Vinyl Bean Bags, Staff Desks, Reading Stations, Projector Screen, Movie Projector, Paint, AV Cart, Carpeting in Program Rooms, Plants, Ping Pong Table, Drawing Tables, Art Drying Rack, Tumble Mats, Divider Curtain in Gym, Portable Dividers, Sports Equipment (Basketballs, Dodge balls, Jump ropes, Kick balls, Footballs, Soccer Balls, Hula Hoops, Plastic Cones, Sidewalk Chalk, etc.) Bulletin Boards, White Boards, First Aid Kits, Copy Paper, Laser Printers, Color Printer/Scanner/Copier, Office Chairs, End/Side Tables, Drop Safe, Trashcans, Movie Projector, 2 way Radios, Bookcases, Stackable Chairs, Office Supplies, Shelving, Commercial Refrigerator and Freezer, Ice Machine, Popcorn Machine, Food Warmers, Microwaves, Pizza Oven/Toaster, Hot Dog Grill, Coffee Maker, Cabinet Locks, Cafeteria Style Trays, Area Rugs, Floor Mats, 5 tier Lockers, Food Service Consumables, Round Folding Tables with Benches, Musical Makers, Flash Cards, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Panels, Keyboards, Lockable Storage Cabinets, Karaoke Machines, Janitorial Supplies, Entry Mats, Wall Murals, Room Signs, Floor Scrubbing Machine, Wall Clocks

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Santa Rosa Young Professionals is partnering with <u>Families Count</u> to conduct a diaper drive during the month of April. Did you know that 1 in 3 American moms struggle to provide diapers for their babies? You can assist by bringing one or more packs of diapers or pull-ups (any size) to either of the SRYP April events or by dropping off diapers at one of the Families Count locations as follows:

Milton - 5139 Elmira Street (Behind Blackwater Bistro) Navarre - 8740 Ortega Park (Behind Cactus Flower)

SRYP is available to pick up donated diapers and donations can also be made to Families Count. The diapers and donations collected during the month of April will be presented to Families Count at their April 28th Families Count Cause Crawl. For additional information, please visit SRYP's website or contact Sheila Harris, SRYP President, at 850-393-5239.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES HIGHLIGHT NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

For more than a decade, communities across the country have celebrated National Public Health Week each April by highlighting public health achievements and raising awareness of issues important to improving the public's health. This year, APHA will continue its broad vision to make America the healthiest nation in one generation by addressing the importance of prevention and wellness through the theme "A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement!"

Please join us for two virtual learning opportunities as we celebrate NPHW.

April 5 <u>free webinar</u> <u>Collaboration Multiplier: Maximizing the Power of Partnership to</u>

Achieve Healthy Communities

April 6 <u>live webcast</u> <u>NPHW Forum: Addressing the Correlation of Mental Health, Equity and</u>

Substance Abuse

SRYP APRIL E-NEWS

SRYP Lunch Bunch

Date: Thursday, April 12th Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Ruby Tuesday 4917 Highway 90, Pace

Please be sure to RSVP to **Sheila Harris** by the end of the day April 11 (Wednesday) to reserve your seat. Even if you are a "maybe," please RSVP so we have enough space at the table.

Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 26th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Arc Santa Rosa 6225 Dixie Rd., Milton

The Arc Santa Rosa, Inc. is a non profit organization that provides services and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Santa Rosa County. Ann Smith, Director, will provide a tour of the facility and educate us on the work of the Arc. RSVP to <u>Laura Austin</u> if you plan to attend so that we can plan for refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

April is here and Spring is in the air! Did you know that April also brings recognition to many worthy causes such as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Volunteer Week, and Earth Day? Whether you volunteer your time to nurture children, preserve the environment or assist with other worthy causes, we hope that you recognize the importance of giving back to your community. Please consider joining Santa Rosa Young Professionals this month and throughout the year as we make a positive impact in our community.

April Civic Project

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SANTA ROSA COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE COALITION HOLDS MEETING

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 5th at 4 p.m. at the Santa Rosa County Health Department, 5527 Stewart Street in Milton. This meeting will focus on recent work plan activities from a very busy third quarter and a strategy discussion on the future work of the Coalition. All partnership members are encouraged to attend this meeting as we will be covering some very important topics.

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition began in September 2008 as a partnership of community members and agencies working together with a mission to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use and provide education on the dangers of tobacco abuse among children and adults in the county. Members include: Santa Rosa County Health Department; Healthy Start of Santa Rosa County; Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC); Center for Total Women's Health; Community Drug and Alcohol Council; West Florida Area Health Education Center; Covenant Hospice; Safe Haven; Santa Rosa County School District; Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office; Santa Rosa County School Health Program; Santa Rosa Pediatrics; University of West Florida; Students Working against Tobacco (SWAT) and AIDS Healthcare Foundation. Any interested citizens or community groups are encouraged to attend the meeting and join the coalition.

As Florida marks the fifth anniversary of the passing of the constitutional amendment that created Tobacco Free Florida, new milestones have been logged. Florida's adult smoking rate remains at a historically low level, and below the national average of 19.3 percent. Another very encouraging sign is the increase in Quitline call volume and usage of TFF's online tools. For example, in January 2011, Florida's Quitline fielded a record 9,000 calls to help smokers in our state quit, a significant increase from the 499 callers of January 2008; and a notable increase from last year's 3,697 January callers.

For more information on the Santa Rosa County Tobacco Free Coalition, please contact Jeff Etheridge at (850) 983-5200 ext. 142.

WORKFORCE ESCAROSA AIMS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN TRAINING FOR A NEW CAREER

Area non-profit employment and training agency, Workforce Escarosa, is now actively seeking individuals interested in training for a new career through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program.

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was signed into effect in 1998 in effort to streamline employment and training programs throughout the U.S. By providing appropriate resources, training and support services, the WIA Program assists eligible individuals in upgrading their skills and securing employment in an in-demand occupation that will enable them to become self-sufficient. Individuals determined eligible for the WIA Program may receive tuition assistance (up to \$4,000 per year), books allowance, uniforms and/or supplies and vocational guidance in an approved program of study. To be eligible for assistance through the WIA Program, applicants must be classified as a dislocated worker or meet the specified household income requirements. More information about Workforce Escarosa's WIA Program including; eligibility requirements, list of approved programs and

providers, orientation dates and application procedures are available by logging on to www.workforceescarosa.com and clicking the Workforce Investment Act icon on the homepage.

FISHIN WITH A MISSION BASS TOURNAMENT

We Need Your Help!

United Way Santa Rosa is hosting its 7th annual Fishin' With a Mission bass tournament on **Saturday, April 14th.** We need volunteers to help make this event the best ever for the fishermen and women participating in this regional event. Volunteering for this event is a lot of fun!

Wear your sunglasses, shorts and flip-flops to enjoy a day of volunteering on one of the most beautiful rivers in the area! Enjoy the show as boats light up the river commercial.wnw in the darkness of early morning, and see the real party start as they return to weigh-in the day's catch in the afternoon.

Volunteer Shifts - Saturday, April 14th

- **2:30am -7am -** Rise & shine before the sun to help guide fishermen to the registration booth, provide boat checks and help at the check-in booth. All gear provided. Watch the sun come up as almost 100 boats set off in search of the big catch.
- **11am-2pm** Help us set up the kids casting clinic and prepare a delicious lunch for participants and volunteers.
- **2pm-6pm** Help set up the weigh-in, hand out weigh bags, assist in setting up for the live auction, help serve food to participants, count boat numbers and guide participants to the gazebo for food and entertainment.

Call (850) 623-4507 or email marianne@unitedwaysrc.org to sign up today!

DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #13: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

We know... disaster recovery can be an overwhelming topic. That is why we developed our <u>52</u> week tip program – to address complex issues in a simple and easy to understand format.

And while we strive to address a variety of topics, we know you may still have questions. So this is your chance to ask us anything you want. No subject is off limits and no question will go unanswered.

Here's how it works. Simply <u>click here</u> to submit your question. Then join us, April 11th for our free webinar, <u>Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Hot Topics: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED</u>. The most frequently asked questions with wide applicability will be answered on air, while others will be addressed individually offline.

Due to the popularity of this topic, we recommend interested participants submit their questions and register for the webinar as soon as possible.

RED CROSS MONTH!



Get Involved! contact Jerry Kindle at jerry.kindle@redcross.org

What's Happening!

CPR Saturday - April 14th, 9am - Noon.

This event only: CPR training for just \$15

\$5 coupon available to further reduce cost.

To register call or email Michelle Holcomb at 432-7601, michelle.holcomb@redcross.org

There's Still Time...

Until the end of March, **The Cutting Board in Pace** will donate \$2 to the Red Cross everytime you enjoy a Red Cross Heroes menu item.

The Cutting Boardwww.TheCuttingBoardinPace.com

4474 Woodbine Rd, Pace

GULF COAST CAREER NETWORK MINISTRY (GCCNM):

- Started October 2011 utilizing 18 month grant from the Fund for Gulf Communities-Florida, a project of Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida funded by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.
- Faith-based, non-denominational, approach to helping unemployed, underemployed and misemployed deal with emotional and spiritual needs as well as practical needs for a productive job search.
- Meeting schedule: 1st and 3rd Monday each month; 5:30 8:30 PM; Passmore Hall, Olive Baptist Church, 1836 E. Olive Road, Pensacola, FL 32514
- Offers workshops to include resume writing, resume review, LinkedIn, interview skills and Crossroads Career Networking resources. A prayer room is also available for individual needs.

Goals:

- Covers seven counties of Northwest Florida from Escambia to Franklin; those areas affected by hurricanes, BP oil spills and the depressed economy. (Counties include: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf and Franklin.)
- Expand training to various churches to implement program similar to one in Pensacola which was modeled after Roswell United Methodist Church, Roswell, Georgia
- Currently speaking with groups in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Bay Counties.
 Volunteers:
- Utilizes volunteers from various organizations involved in programs

<u>J&J OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR TOBACCO-FREE</u> <u>YOUTH INITIATIVES</u>

Santa Rosa chapters of Students Working Against Tobacco and the Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition are pleased to announce that local convenience store J&J of Northwest Florida, at 5745 W. Highway 90 has entered into an agreement supporting their efforts to reduce tobacco use among underage youth. J&J of Northwest Florida agrees to follow all federal and state tobacco regulations as well as utilizing penny cups provided by Tobacco_Free Florida promoting the Florida Department of Health's Quitline service.

The Quitline is accessible to anyone living in Florida who is ready to make a quit attempt. The program offers:

- A toll-free, telephone-based tobacco use cessation resource for adults and youth
- 4 proactive counseling sessions
- Self-help materials
- Nicotine replacement therapy is available to eligible callers while supplies last
- Counseling and materials in English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole; translation services for all other languages and TDD service for the hearing-impaired

For more information on the Santa Rosa County Tobacco Free Coalition, please contact Jeff Etheridge at (850) 983-5200 ext. 142.

ADVANCED DENTAL CONCEPTS IS HOSTING A FREE DAY OF DENTISTRY WITH DENTISTRY FROM THE HEART

Dr. Noel Spurlock, Dr. Forrest Faulkner and Dr. Ed Faulkner are out to change lives by offering free smiles to anyone who needs dental work, as they host the latest event for Dentistry From The Heart.

Dentistry From The Heart (DFTH) began in 2001 as one man's charitable act for the Tampa Bay community. In the years since, it has grown steadily, and is now hosted by dental offices across the country. This past year, Dentistry From The Heart took its potential to a new level, becoming an officially registered national non-profit organization. DFTH has now helped over 5,000 people and given away over one million dollars of free dental work. For more information,

visit www.dentistryfromtheheart.org.

"Now more than ever, I know there are people out there that need my services, but have no means to afford them-whether they're out of a job, or just don't have dental insurance. This Dentistry From the Heart event is my way of giving back to the community, and being there for the people who are in need of dental work," said Dr. Spurlock.

The event will take place on Friday, April 20th 2012 at Advanced Dental Concepts in Pace, FL 32571. Starting at 8am, Dr.'s Spurlock, Faulkner and Faulkner and their volunteers will treat the first 150 patients, or however many they can service by 4pm. We will be providing free fillings, extractions, and cleanings on a first come, first serve basis. Must be over 18 years of age or older. 850-994-8185

Added note: This is a first come, first serve (ie; first 150 patients). Some individuals have been known to wait from the evening before.

Location: Hwy 90 - Off of Sports Drive; East end of Grocery Outlet building- across the street from Bowen Sporting Goods / SS Dixon play ground.

OPRYPROMISE COMING SOON!

A Toe-Tapin', Foot-Stompin' Evenin' Presented by Family Promise of Santa Rosa

APRIL 12, 2012 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM CHUMUCKLA'S FARMERS' OPRY 8897 BYROM CAMPBELL RD PACE, FL 32571

\$25 a ticket, 50/50 drawing, best lookin cowboy/cowgirl competition, auctions and more! For Tickets or More Information Call (850) 623-5300

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend;-) We are up to 334 people! Invite friends. Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate. Invite your Santa Rosa friends to join you on the SAFER Facebook page.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) that are free and open to the public, with the understanding that the user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer

LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the state training web page to see all the Florida Division of Emergency Management sponsored training in the state. On this site you will learn what training is offered, where it will be conducted, how long the training will last, who the point of contact for the training is, and any other special considerations like prerequisites for the course. Remember when you are looking for classes, we are in region 1. Go to the following web page http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp

DISASTER MANAGEMENT FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES



IS-36: MULTIHAZARD PLANNING FOR CHILDCARE

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is36.asp

MRC RADIATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

May 2, 2012 8:00 a m - 4:30 p m Santa Rosa County Emergency Operations Center 4499 Pine Forest Road Milton , FL 32583 Go to this site to register online! http://www.myfloridaeh.com/radiation/RRVC Course Reg.htm



PER 212 OPERATIONAL LEVEL RESPONSE TO HAZMAT/WMD INCIDENTS

This course focuses on the unique personal protection challenges that responders face during a WMD or terrorist incident. Upon successful course completion, participants will be able to respond to a WMD/terrorism incident in a defensive mode and preclude the spread of a CBRNE hazard to the public and the environment. Major course topics include: assessing CBRNE hazards, predicting the likely behavior of CBRNE materials, effectively operating and communicating in a unified command structure of ICS, determining detection equipment and personal protection equipment (PPE) needs, performing emergency decontamination, and identifying defensive strategies for a CBRNE incident. This course provides the knowledge and skills needed to obtain certification through NPQS (ProBoard) at the hazardous materials Operations level (NFPA 472). The course is delivered using lectures, interactive participant activities, performance-oriented skills stations, small group discussions, multimedia scenarios, and an end-of-course written and skills examinations.

Free Pro Board Testing will be offered with this course. This training is recommended for all First Responders

Pace Fire Department 4773 Pace Patriot Blvd Pace 32571 Santa Rosa County Area 1

Friday, June 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Please register online at:

http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/moreinfo.asp?id=2673

MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO BOMBING INCIDENTS

As promised, here is the MGT 348 Flyer. The dates are not posted on this flyer but here are the details.

Location: Santa Rosa EOC
Dates: November 28th and 29th
Time: tentative 8:00-5:00

Total time: 18 hours CEU for Nurses and Physicians: 1.6 Register online at: http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp

IS-909 - COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS: IMPLEMENTING SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is909.asp

Course Description

Community members are the key to our Nation's preparedness and resilience. As such, we need to:

- Support the development of prepared, vigilant, and engaged communities.
- Foster strategic partnerships among:
 - The private sector.
 - Nongovernmental organizations.
 - o Foundations.
 - o Community-based organizations.

The purpose of this course is to present a model program for community preparedness. In addition, resources materials are available to help organizations conduct simple preparedness activities for everyone.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the definition of preparedness.
- Describe the role of individuals and households in preparedness.
- Identify community preparedness principles.
- Describe the purpose of community-based preparedness activities.
- Identify the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program.
- Identify resources for supporting community-based preparedness programs.

Primary Audience

Whole community including emergency management personnel and representatives of faith-based and nonprofit organizations.

IS-660 - INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is660.asp

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

United States: Social media sites help aid agencies, families after disasters http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25632&a=email

FEMA Director: Private Sector Needs 'Seat at the Table' in Disaster Response http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2012/03/28/241010.htm

Researchers: Social Media Eases Psychological Burden of Natural Disasters http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Researchers-Say-Social-Media-Eases-Psychological-Burden---

144591585.html?utm source=twitterfeed&utm medium=facebook#.T3PLRSsfOmo.facebook

First forecast: Calmer than average hurricane season likely http://www.usatoday.com/weather/hurricane/story/2012-03-21/hurricane-season-forecast-colorado-state/53692038/1

Justice Department's 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Go into Effect http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/March/12-crt-328.html

THE 2012 HEAT WAVE: "ALMOST LIKE SCIENCE FICTION" http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2012-03/2012-heat-wave-almost-science-fiction-mind-boggling

Space Weather: What Emergency Managers Need to Know http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Space-Weather-Emergency-Managers-2012.html

Climate-linked migration poses growing humanitarian threat – study http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25629&a=email

National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, Report on the Domestic Natural Disaster Health Workforce

http://ncdmph.usuhs.edu/Site_n/FieldResearch/2011Workforce/2011wf-Abstract.htm

National Hurricane Center, Minor Modification of Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale Thresholds Effective May 15, 2012 http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/news/20120301 pis sshws.php

CDC, Disabilities: Emergency Preparedness Training http://www.cdc.gov/Features/EmergencyPreparedness/?s_cid=tw_cdc1274

Emergency Managers Tool Kit: Meeting the Needs of Latino Communities http://www.nclr.org/index.php/publications/emergency_managers_tool_kit_meeting_the_needs_of_latino_communities/

Disability Prepared, Best of the Best Practice Sites http://disabilityprepared.ku.edu/

Disaster and Preparedness Episode 2: Keep Mayhem to a Minimum- Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkr93WBEiaM&feature=youtu.be

Public Health Emergency, Community Resilience http://phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/community-resilience.aspx

Opportunity Knocking: Coordinate With Nontraditional Organizations http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Coordinate-Nontraditional-Response-Organizations-Opinion.html

When Flu Pandemics Hit, Closing Schools Can Slow Spread http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/02/07/146513894/when-flu-pandemics-hit-closing-schools-can-slow-spread

Work with Private Sector, Plan for the Worst, Says FEMA Administrator http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Work-With-Private-Sector-Plan-for-the-Worst-Says-FEMA-Administrator.html

WHO, Psychological First Aid: Guide for Field Workers http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548205_eng.pdf